

### **MSAPCB Report-*Cheryl Gardine***

The board last met on July 18, 2012. Highlights of the meeting are as follows:

- The IC&RC passed a policy that they will no longer be providing International Credential Certificates free of charge. For those holding a MSAPCB reciprocal level credential, when renewing your MSAPCB credential, you will now have to submit an order form and pay \$25.00 directly to the IC&RC if you want the 2 year International Certificate.
- The Board passed a new requirement for the Missouri Substance Abuse Prevention Associate (MSAPA) credential. To replace the SAMHSA Foundations of Prevention online course that is no longer available, the new requirement is that all applicants must take the Substance Abuse Prevention Specialist Training (SAPST) before applying. The SAPST is a weeklong training that is offered on an ongoing basis throughout Missouri under the direction of ACT Missouri.
- The MSAPCB is in the process of making changes to the Missouri Recovery Support Specialist (MRSS) credential which will include adding a Peer designation for those specifically in recovery, rewriting the ethics code for this credential to be more recovery support specific and creating specialized ethics trainings for those working in recovery support.

### **Membership Update-*Bianca Farr***

The ADA SAC currently has 21 members. There are consumer openings in the following regions:

- 3 Northwest
- 2 Eastern
- 1 Central
- 1 Southwest
- 1 Southeast

### **MRN Report-*Brenda Schell***

- Tobacco Tax- Yesterday at a meeting I got word that the tobacco tax will be placed on the Nov. ballot. Misty Snodgrass with the American Cancer Society said the ACS and others will be spending lots of \$\$ to get information out to the public using the media outlets. For more information, visit [www.showmeabrighterfuture.com](http://www.showmeabrighterfuture.com) to support the tobacco tax.
- Sept. is national recovery month- List of planned recovery events will be placed on the MRN website and sent out via email soon. Currently there are 6 events planned. I encourage you to take part in as many activities as you can. The MRN is also giving out mini grants to help support local recovery events. If interested, contact Brenda Schell.

- 8/25/12- Celebrate Recovery Annual Recovery Event, concert from 5-7 p.m. with food and other things until 9:00 p.m. Event is free. Held in Washington, MO. Contact Debbie Luxton [dluston@sbcglobal.net](mailto:dluston@sbcglobal.net) for more information.
  - 9/11/12- Bridging the Gap- 3<sup>rd</sup> Annual Re-Entry Conference- 9 am- 3 pm Held at the Miner Baptist Church, Miner, MO. More information to follow.
  - 9/12/12- KC recovery event, more to follow. Contact is Gloria Nepote [glorianepote@gmail.com](mailto:glorianepote@gmail.com)
  - 9/15/12- Recovery Fest, Lake Wappapello, Poplar Bluff, MO. 11:00 am -4 pm Free. Family fun, recovery speakers, kids' activities, live music. Glenn Kesiner and the Resurrection Band will be special musical guests. Hosted by the Regional Recovery Network. For more information, contact Austin Montague at [tagville@yrless.net](mailto:tagville@yrless.net)
  - 9/28/12- St. Louis event taking place from 8 am – noon at Marriott West, Chesterfield. Co-sponsored by Center point, MRN, NCADA, and others. Dr. Ohlms will be presenting on addiction and recovery. More information to follow from Center pointe.
  - 9/29/12- 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Outreach in the Ozarks. Location- MO State University, Student Union. A day planned with educational information on ACA, ROSC, SBIRT, and work force development, along with a resource fair. Contact Joe Hahne for more information [joeahane@gmail.com](mailto:joeahane@gmail.com) 417-499-2628
- I had a discussion with MONA (MO Nurses Association) on the implementation of a nurse impaired program. Physicians have a state of the art recovery program. In 2008, it was signed into law that a MO Nurse Impaired Program be put together, but it never happened. MRN will be having ongoing meetings with MONA and other stakeholders in the near future.
- Our SAMHSA and FAVOR grants are going very well. We are very busy. County meetings are beginning to take place in the 10 selected counties for the SAMHSA grant Central Region- counties of Cole, Calloway, Osage, Boone and Moniteau. Southwest Region- counties of Greene, Christian, Webster, Stone and Taney. We are educating on health care reform and the ACA. Donna Checkit, past MO Medicaid Director, stated yesterday that Medicaid is healthcare, NOT welfare. As you know the Supreme Court upheld the controversial individual mandate regarding the ACA. The court, however did what no district court had done, finding that the ACA provision allowing the federal government to remove all federal Medicaid funding for states that do not expand coverage to 133% of the federal level was unconstitutional. This decision means that many states, including MO, are going to treat the expansion as a state option (decision). Such action is very significant since more than half of the uninsured individuals projected to receive coverage under the ACA would receive such coverage due to the Medicaid expansion. IF states do not choose to adopt the expansion to cover these individuals under Medicaid, the ACA's impact on covering the uninsured will be substantially reduced. This reduction is esp. important to MO which has approx. 800,000 uninsured individuals according to the recent estimates by MO Health Net.

Mo Dept. of Social Services estimates that 255,000 uninsured MO are expected to enroll in MO Health net program under the expansion. These figures include parents and caretakers with incomes between the 18% and 133% poverty level. IF MO chooses to NOT implement the expansion, than most of these 255,000 very low income Missourians will remain uninsured. Without the Medicaid expansion, some of the lowest income Missourians will have NO coverage at all while people with more moderate incomes will have coverage through the Exchange.

The ACA's Medicaid expansion provides 100% federal funding for such expansion during the first 3 years of implementation. Funding gradually is lowered to a 90% federal match rate in 2020, in contrast to the current MO Medicaid program in which funds are matched by 63% rate. The state of MO estimates that the Medicaid expansion would bring in appr. \$11.3 billion in federal matching funds from 2014-2019 and cost the state of MO \$375.3 million in state match. Over the 6 year period, 97% of the Medicaid expansion would be funded with federal funds and 3% with state funds. This 3% increase in state funding would result in a 33% reduction in MO rate of uninsured. This unprecedented amount of federal matching funds will be an important source of funding for hospitals, doctors, pharmacists and nursing homes in MO.

Also, under the new federal funds through the expansion, it will cover services such as mental health/substance abuse services, etc. that are currently paid for exclusively with state funds for individuals who currently have not health coverage.

In addition, a decision to decline these funds means that MO taxpayers would be helping to fund the other states that do adopt the Medicaid expansion. Our MO tax dollars will be doing to others states. With Medicaid expansion, MO imports federal revenue and increases both health care services and jobs. Without the expansion, MO effectively exports both jobs and money to other states.